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This bill is going to wind up on Select File, probably. But I intend to do battle. There will not be an easy job of doing what is being intended by this bill. And I'm going to see to it. I'm going to hold us here until you all decide to invoke cloture. Which means that I will have additional motions. I don't know how much can be gained by offering amendments, so I may not waste my time trying to draft amendments for a bill such as this. I have suggested to Senator Stuhr that the bill be converted to simply raise the fees by six percent. Strike all of that stuff about letting it go up to a higher amount. The fact that I am virtually alone in opposing this bill means nothing to me. Because I'm staking out territory. And when some of my hypocritical colleagues start pointing fingers around here, I'm going to come back to this bill and I'm going to get roll call votes on what I'm seeking. And then when there are other bills that you all think ought to go a certain way, we're going to battle tooth and nail, because I see my role as being different from what many of you see your role as being. Now, when I'm going to attack somebody, I do it on the floor so they can talk back to me. And I will be critical, wherever I am, of the Legislature if I think something the Legislature did was inappropriate, and I will give my specific reasons for being critical. But you will not hear me saying one thing in a little grouping where I hope nobody will hear me but it will put me in a position of seeming to be a certain way, whereas I'll fly a false flag and wear a false face otherwise. My position is going to be crystal clear. And I'm not going to be like so many of my hypocritical "Repelican" friends, who talk about being fiscal conservatives, then whenever it's politically convenient, all of that goes out the window. But I'm glad that we have these kind of discussions and these kind of bills, because it lets me know what I'm dealing with. Does this mean I'm going to be rude to my colleagues? No. Does it mean I will not be cordial when they're cordial with me? No. But does it mean I will take what they say at face value? No. Because these are the polygraph votes. These are the votes that show what these individual senators really are. How in the world is any one of them going to talk about being a fiscal conservative, being responsible...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.